

REMARKS**I. Status of the Claims:**

Claims 1-3, 5-12 and 14-28 are currently pending. Claims 1-3, 5-12 and 14-21 have been allowed.

By this Amendment, claims 22, 27 and 28 have been amended. No new matter has been introduced by this Amendment. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-3, 5-12 and 14-28 would be pending.

II. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103:

Claims 22-28 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Morgan (U.S. Patent No. 4,992,866) in view of Oya (European Publ. No. 0734157).

Claim 1, as amended, is directed to an arrangement with the features of “setting device adapted to set table which includes relation between a point to be designated on the map and a camera to be selected, and are different for each of monitoring clients” and “camera selection device selects the optimal camera in accordance with the tables set by said setting device.”

Morgan shows that the camera 62 is selected by clicking the asset 60 on the map as shown in Fig. 2. Morgan, however, does not disclose or suggest that tables, which are used for selecting a camera, are set in advance. Thus, Morgan is silent as to the above noted features.

Oya does not remedy these deficiencies in the Morgan teaching. In particular, Oya does not disclose that the tables, which include the relation between a point to be designated on the map (Fig. 6, “area”) and a camera to be selected (Fig. 6, “camera ID”), are set. Further, in the cited reference Oya, a table set by one client is sent to a server and is applied to every other clients (S58). More specifically, in Oya, each of the clients has the same table after the initial

setting, but each client does not have different table as the present invention. Thus, Oya is silent as to the above noted features.

In view of the foregoing, claim 22 and its dependent claims are believed to be distinguishable over the cited references, individually or in combination. For similar reasons, claims 27 and 28 are also believed to be distinguishable over the same.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

AUTHORIZATION

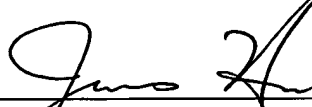
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4649.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4649.

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